

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the Specification and claims 1, 6, 8, 22 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-9 and 18-29 are pending and under consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Specification is overcome by the present amendment thereto.

The rejection of claims 7-9 and 18-28 under 35 U.S.C §112 (item 4 of the Office Action) is respectfully traversed. The Examiner's position is that the terms "working range" and "servicing range" are not sufficiently described in the Specification.

As disclosed in the present Specification, the paper guide part 143 may be disposed at an initial position, a paper passing position, or a paper jam removing position. Para. [0035]; FIGS. 5A-5C. As papers pass the paper guide part 143, this element is moved between the initial position and the paper passing position. Paras. [0054-0055]. In the event of a paper jam, the paper jam is removed with the paper guide part 143 at the paper jam removing position. Then the paper guide part 143 is returned to the paper passing position and then to the initial position. Para. [0047] and [0049].

Thus, a range of movement between the initial position and the paper passing position is disclosed. A range of movement outside this range to the paper jam removing position is also disclosed. Although the terms "working range" and "servicing range" are not specifically disclosed in the Specification, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the significance of these terms based on the above-discussed disclosure. The test for enablement is whether undue or unreasonable experimentation is needed to practice the invention. Mineral Separation v. Hyde, 242 U.S. 261, 270 (1916). See also In re Wands, 858 F.2d 731, 737 (Fed. Cir. 1988); MPEP 2164.01. Since the Specification clearly sets forth the claimed ranges, no experimentation would be required to determine these ranges. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The rejection of claims 20-24 and 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (item 5 of the Office Action) is respectfully traversed. The Examiner's position is that the "third position" is not described in the Specification.

As discussed above, the paper guide part 143 is moveable between the initial position, the paper jam passing position, and the paper jam removing position. Thus, three positions are clearly described in the Specification.

Accordingly, withdrawal of rejection is requested.

The rejection of claims 1-9 and 18-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (item 6 of the Office Action) is now discussed. The rejection of claims 1, 6, 8, 22, and 27 are overcome by the present amendments.

The rejection of claim 7 is respectfully traversed. As discussed above, the term "servicing range" is clear from the Specification.

The rejection of claim 29 is also traversed. This claim recites the "normal state" (first to second position) and "when the paper is jammed" (third position). Again, the positions of the paper guide and the circumstances regarding these positions are clearly set forth in the Specification.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

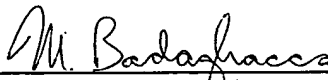
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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